

PUBLIC NOTICE – REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on DEQ's determination of *tentative compliance* for the regional water supply plan ("Plan") developed by the counties of Brunswick and Mecklenburg, and the towns of Alberta, Brodnax, Lawrenceville, Boynton, Chase City, Clarksville, La Crosse, and South Hill ("Lake Country") in accordance with §9 VAC 25-780, et seq., Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 12/04/2013 – 01/07/2013

DESCRIPTION OF WATER SUPPLY PLAN: The Lake Country Water Supply Plan and Conservation and Drought Response Plan, submitted August 2011, identify existing water sources within the planning area, estimate current and future water demand, and assess the need for additional sources for future water supply. DEQ has issued a *tentative determination of compliance* to Ms. Gail P. Moody, Executive Director of the Southside Planning District Commission. Following is a summary of the Plan.

Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties are located in the Chowan and Roanoke River drainage basins. Surface water obtained from the John H. Kerr Lake and Lake Gaston reservoirs, both impoundments of the Roanoke River, is the primary water source for the planning area. Additional supply is obtained from ground water sources and stream intakes on Great Creek and the Meherrin River. The counties do not own or operate their own water systems. Community water systems in the planning area are owned by the towns, public service authorities, or privately owned by homeowners associations and well companies serving subdivisions. Non-agricultural self-supplied users withdrawing more than 300,000 gallons per day of surface water include Mecklenburg Cogeneration and the John H. Kerr Hydroelectric Power Plant, both non-consumptive users withdrawing from the Kerr Reservoir, and the Vulcan Materials Lawrenceville Quarry, which withdraws more than 300,000 gallons per day of ground water. SJB Farms, Inc. is the only agricultural self-supplied user withdrawing more than 300,000 gallons per day.

Total population for the planning area is projected to increase only slightly during the planning period. Regional water supply is plentiful and it is estimated that there are adequate water sources to provide for the needs of the planning area now and in the foreseeable future; however, competition for water from fast growing metropolitan areas in neighboring North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia was cited in the Plan as a potential threat to water quantity.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ no later than close of business on January 7, 2013. The water supply plan is available from the contact below or on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov. Upon review of written comments submitted in response to this public notice, DEQ staff will make a *final compliance determination* decision.

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